

NSC BRIEFING

8 July 1959

YEMEN

- I. Major crisis averted temporarily as consequence of Crown Prince Badr's disarming of fractious military units involved in disorders in Taiz in mid-June.
 - A. Badr supported in disciplinary efforts by leaders of Yemen's martial tribes and the large Egyptian military mission.
- II. Imam still undergoing hospital treatment in Italy, now reported walking for first time in 3 years.
 - A. Said to be convinced by state of near anarchy in Yemen, and possible suspicion that Badr and Egyptians are scheming to retain control there, that he must return home shortly, with his brother, Prince Hasan, who is Badr's chief rival for succession.
- III. Advance party of Imam's entourage reported to have departed from Italy for Yemen yesterday with Imam and Hasan due to leave about 14 July possibly via Cairo.

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